

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting**

The Fall General Board of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on 19–20 October 1995 at Andrews AFB, MD from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is for the board to receive feedback on the studies of the past year, hear special topics, and provide a forum for organizing and focusing the Board for the upcoming year.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

Patsy J. Conner,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Chicago Operations Office, Award Based on Acceptance of an Unsolicited Application, University of Illinois—Energy Resources Center**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Noncompetitive Financial Assistance Award.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Chicago Operations Office, announces its intent to award a grant to the University of Illinois—Energy Resources Center. The University's unsolicited application was found to be meritorious by DOE based on the evaluation criteria set forth in 10 C.F.R. 600.14(d)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (e)(i) and (ii) and is being accepted as it represents a unique, innovative idea, method and approach which would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance under any recent, current, or planned solicitation. The objective of the work to be supported by this grant is for the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois to develop and successfully execute the twenty-third consecutive energy-environmental conference entitled, "Energy and Environmental Policy in a Period of Political Transition," to be held November 20–21, 1995 in Chicago, Illinois.

The project period for the grant is for a 6 month period, expected to begin

September 30, 1995. DOE plans to provide funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 for this project period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marlene E. Martinez, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, (708) 252–2080.

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Timothy S. Crawford,

Argonne Group Manager.

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Chicago Operations Office, Award Based on Acceptance of an Unsolicited Application

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award in Response to an Unsolicited Financial Assistance Application.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.14(e), it plans to negotiate and award Grant Number DE-FG02–95CH10846 to the Equity Research Corp.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The anticipated objective of the award is to provide for the application of "Best Available Science" (BAS) to the reevaluation of assessment methods based on scientific knowledge rather than opinions or value judgements. This proposal provides for a unique approach to choose the best available scientific information in that it suggests a clear separation of science from societal goals to enhance the accuracy of estimating environmental risks in an attempt to limit costly adverse effects. These goals will provide scientifically based data for others to utilize in pursuing environmental issues in the education arena and provide the general public as well as the professional societies, knowledge of how risk factors were determined by making consensus reports more accessible. This proposal provides a public service by providing the public with the best and most accurate scientific information with respect to utilizing the Best Available Science. DOE's Office of Environmental Management believes that there is a high probability of achieving the objectives.

The public is greatly served if environmental decisions would be based on BAS. It is the belief of the grantee that objectively computed risks will be somewhat lower than those based upon societal objectives. The lower the risk, the smaller the costs for adverse effects caused within the human health and environmental areas.

It is likely that if this approach is successful the cost of environmental protection would be significantly reduced. Consequently, a higher level of environmental protection could be achieved by the current level of funding. Additional benefits of this project are enhancement of public and university education and increases in the availability of relevant published scientific formation. Through the introduction of the publication, "Technology" and the first volume of "Encyclopedia of Environment" the public will have easier access to data presented in relevant papers and consensus reports regarding BAS. Education will be enhanced by the utilization of high school or community college minority students in researching environmental issues while applying BAS, participating with professional organizations in providing environmental courses, participation in technical conferences to discuss BAS for environmental issues, as well as participating in technical panels and making presentations to various groups regarding BAS in human health and environmental concerns.

The grantee plans to obtain this objective by educating students and professional organizations about the benefits and needs of BAS in relation to existing practices; and the dissemination of scientific information through the Technology publication and the new Encyclopedia of Environment. To assure reliance upon BAS the grantee proposes the utilization of not-for-profit professional organizations which include the following: (1) the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME); (2) the American Association for the Advancement of Technology (AAAT); (3) the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES); and (4) the National Council and Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRPM). These organizations can provide peer-review of scientific aspects of the societal decisions, can reach a consensus on scientific subjects related to protection of human health and the environment, and can support the publication of relevant BAS. In addition, and in accordance with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), an organization was formed and is known by its Spanish acronym "CEPA" which is composed of Universities in Mexico and the U.S. which pursue environmental protection in Mexico. The proposed approach permits the development of relevant information based on scientific consensus, education of the professionals and high school students,

and publication of relevant materials for the benefit of the scientific community, regulators, legislators, and above all, the general public.

The technical team is led by an outstanding and uniquely qualified individual, Dr. A. Alan Moghissi, Ph.D., Vice President for Science and Education at Equity Research Corporation. He has broad regulatory experience and has served as a Senior Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policy official. His interaction with industry over the years has fulfilled a critical need in obtaining an industry perspective. He has gained credibility with the intervener community and Congress as a credible spokesman in the area of technical assessment of societal decisions. For the past 11 years under grants for this effort, Dr. Moghissi has gained unique experience and specialized knowledge in the reevaluation of risk assessments for human health and the environment. An example of the kind of accomplishments he has made is evident in the regulatory change that was made for tritium standards in drinking water. Moghissi, because of his unique past experience as stated above, is uniquely qualified to perform the proposed research.

This award meets the criteria for selection of an unsolicited application as specified under 10 CFR 600.14(e) (i) and (ii). Under subparagraph (i) the application is meritorious based on the foregoing general evaluation which is required by 10 CFR 600.14(d). Under subparagraph (ii) the proposed project represents a unique, innovative idea, method and approach which would not otherwise be eligible for funding under any other known recent, current, or planned solicitation and a competitive solicitation would be inappropriate. This award would be for approximately 5 years at an estimated total cost of 2.9 million dollars.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Ramirez, Contract Specialist, (708) 252-2133; U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439.

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Cherri J. Langenfeld,
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Financial Assistance for Clark Atlanta University

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award.

SUMMARY: The Albuquerque Operations Office (AL), pursuant to 10 CFR 600.14(f), will award a grant based on an unsolicited proposal to Clark Atlanta University, 223 James P. Brawley Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314.

DATES: Award will be effective September 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Address written comments to the attention of Erwin E. Fragua, Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, (505) 845-6442 or fax to (505) 845-4004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title of project is "Analysis of Economic Success of Applied Energy R&D and Applied Energy R&D Case History". The purpose of this study is to produce two special analyses of emerging science and technology issues regarding the overall effectiveness of the agency's research and development programs. The DOE has invested extensively in R&D covering a wide range of energy sources and end-use technologies. The U.S. public is entitled to a concise assessment of net benefits that have accrued from these investments. While individual success stories abound, there has not been a systematic effort to analyze the overall net impact of DOE's R&D activities on the economy. A cost/benefit approach will be used to analyze the DOE's basic and applied R&D programs, to identify and quantify commercial successes arising from DOE sponsored R&D programs. The study also prepares a case assessment of a successful DOE R&D program over the history of the program; identifying costs, economic and technical successes and estimating return on investment.

The probability of achieving this objective is significant considering the experienced background of the project director, Dr. Charlie Carter, and the facilities of the grantee are adequate for the purpose of achieving the stated objectives.

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Richard A. Marquez,
Assistant Manager for Management and Administration.

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Financial Assistance for The Woods Hole Research Center

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award.

SUMMARY: The Albuquerque Operations Office (AL), pursuant to 10 CFR 600.14(f), will award a grant based on an unsolicited proposal to The Woods Hole Research Center, P.O. Box 296, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

DATES: Award will be effective September 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Address written comments to the attention of Erwin E. Fragua, Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, (505) 845-6442 or fax to (505) 845-4004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title of project is "International Conference on the Adequacy of Commitments Under the Framework Convention on Climate Change". The purpose of this conference is to continue dialogue on the process to strengthen these commitments, similar to the ones previously held on joint implementation and on policy guidance from the Conference of the Parties (COP). The first meeting of the COP to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) was held on March/April 1995 in Berlin. The Berlin Mandate concluded that current commitments under the FCCC are inadequate to meet the Convention's ultimate objective. It established a two year negotiating process to strengthen the specific commitments of industrialized countries and further implement the existing general commitments of developing countries. This process is authorized to elaborate policies and measures which could limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as set quantified limitation and reducing objectives within specified time-frames for the period beyond the year limitation and reducing objectives within specified time-frames for the period beyond the year 2000. The objective of this conference will be to have informal discussions among the key constituents of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention on the subject of the adequacy of commitments.

The probability of achieving this objective is significant considering the experienced background of the project director, Dr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, and the facilities of the grantee are adequate for the purpose of achieving the stated objectives.